

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Re: Lines #1078
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Our facility has been using a mechanical valve on all our central lines for the past 8-10 years. Our infection rate has remained extremely low (1% or less). I don't think enough studies have been done to make an educated decision on this as there are many, many caps out there and each manufacturer is different. Unless you can evaluate all the different caps out there. The manufacturer guidelines need to be enforced. Many nurses come from different facilities and education is the key to flushing these lines correctly to avoid infection and clotting.

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